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TITLE OF INVENTION: MAGNET SECURED IN A TWO PART SHELL

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/23/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9,14-19 and 22-31.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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/Mohamad A Musleh/
Examiner, Art Unit 2832

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with **Charles Guenzer** on **03/13/2009**.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. in the **specification**:
 - a. in **page 5, line 17**, after **[greater than]**, **delete --0.25mm--**, then **add --0.025mm--**
 - b. in **page 14, line 13**, after **[can walls]**, **delete --128,130--**, then **add --138, 140—**
3. in **claims**:
 - a. In **claim 1**, **delete --An encapsulated magnet, comprising: a magnetizable member having a lateral side extending along an axis; a first can having a first sidewall extending along said axis outside of said lateral side and a first end transverse to said axis and integral with said first sidewall; a second can having a second sidewall extending along said axis outside of said lateral side, a second end transverse to said axis and integral with said second sidewall, and a first annular lip extending along said axis, integral with said second sidewall on a side thereof opposite said second end, surrounding the first sidewall, and disposed on**

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a side of said first sidewall opposite said magnetic member; and an adhesive disposed between and binding together (a) said magnetizable member and said first and second sidewalls and (b) said first sidewall and said lip, whereby said magnetic member and said first and second cans are bonded together.--, then

add --- An encapsulated magnet, comprising: a magnetizable member having a lateral side extending along an axis; a first can having a first sidewall extending along said axis outside of said lateral side and a first end transverse to said axis and integral with said first sidewall; a second can having a second sidewall extending along said axis outside of said lateral side, a second end transverse to said axis and integral with said second sidewall, and a first annular lip extending along said axis, integral with said second sidewall on a side thereof opposite said second end, extending more radially outwardly from the axis than does said second sidewall, surrounding the first sidewall with a clearance between an inner side of the lip and an outer side of the first sidewall of less than 0.2mm and greater than 0.013mm, and disposed on a side of said first sidewall opposite said magnetic member; and an adhesive disposed between and binding together (a) said magnetizable member and said first and second sidewalls and (b) said first sidewall and said lip, whereby said magnetic member and said first and second cans are bonded together. --

b. **Cancel claims 10-13**

c. In **claim 14, delete ---** A pair of cans configured to protect a cylindrical member, comprising: a first can comprising a first continuous can member

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comprising a first sidewall circularly symmetric about and extending along a first axis, having an inner first diameter and an outer second diameter differing therebetween by twice a first wall thickness, and a first end extending transversely to said first axis, having a first end thickness, and connected to said first sidewall; and a second can comprising a second continuous can member comprising a second sidewall circularly symmetric about and extending along a second axis disposable along said first axis, having an inner third diameter and an outer fourth diameter differing therebetween by twice a second wall thickness, a second end extending transversely to said second axis and connected to said second sidewall, and a third sidewall circularly symmetric about and extending along said second axis, having an inner fifth diameter larger than said second diameter by a first clearance of less than 0.25mm and an outer sixth diameter greater than said fifth diameter by twice a third wall thickness, and connected to said second sidewall on a side thereof opposite said second end; whereby said third sidewall is slidable over a radial outside of said first sidewall so that said first and second can members are able to partially overlap along said first axis. --, then **add ---** An encapsulated magnet, comprising: a magnetizable member having a lateral side extending along an axis; a first can comprising a first continuous can member comprising a first sidewall circularly symmetric about and extending along a first axis, having an inner first diameter and an outer second diameter differing therebetween by twice a first wall thickness, and a first end extending transversely to said first axis, having a first end thickness, and

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connected to said first sidewall; a second can comprising a second continuous can member comprising a second sidewall circularly symmetric about and extending along a second axis disposable along said first axis, having an inner third diameter and an outer fourth diameter differing therebetween by twice a second wall thickness, a second end extending transversely to said second axis and connected to said second sidewall, and a third sidewall circularly symmetric about and extending along said second axis, having an inner fifth diameter larger than said second diameter and separated from the second diameter by a first clearance of less than 0.2mm and greater than 0.013mm and an outer sixth diameter greater than said fifth diameter by twice a third wall thickness, and connected to said second sidewall on a side thereof opposite said second end, whereby said third sidewall is slidable over a radial outside of said first sidewall so that said first and second can members are able to partially overlap along said first axis to encapsulate the magnetizable member.—

d. In **claim 15, line 1, delete --the pair of cans of Claim--**, then **add --the encapsulated magnet of Claim—**

e. In **claims 16-19 and 22-23, line 1, delete --the pair of cans of Claim--**, then **add --the encapsulated magnet of Claim--**

f. **Cancel claims 20-21**

g. In **claim 24, line 1, after first , add --magnetizable--**. In **line 9, after axis, add --more radially outwardly from said axis greater than does said second sidewall,--**. In **line 10, after therebetween, add --of less than 0.2mm and greater**

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than 0.013mm;--. In **line 14**, after **axis**, **add --**to encapsulate the magnetizable member.—

h. In **claim 29, line 14**, after **along said axis**, **delete --** and having an interior surface accommodating said first sidewall; an adhesive bonding said rod magnet to said first and second sidewalls and bonding said first and third sidewalls together.—, then **add --**more radially outwardly than does said second sidewall, and having an interior surface accommodating said first sidewall, wherein a radius of an interior of said third sidewall is larger than a radius of an exterior of said first sidewall by less than 0.2mm and greater than 0.013mm; an adhesive bonding said rod magnet to said first and second sidewalls and bonding said first and third sidewalls together.--

i. **Cancel claims 32-35 and 37**

Election/Restrictions

4. **Claim 1** is allowable. The restriction requirement between **species 1-5**, as set forth in the Office action mailed on **04/21/2008** and **08/06/2008**, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim. Claims 6-7**, directed to **specie 4 [fig. 13]** no longer withdrawn from consideration because the claim(s) requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is

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anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. **Claims 1-9/14-19/22-31** are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or suggest, in the claimed combination an encapsulated magnet, comprising: a magnetizable member, and a first can having a first sidewall and a first end transverse to an axis and integral with the first sidewall, a second can having a second sidewall extending along the axis outside of the magnetizable member lateral side, a second end transverse to the axis and integral with the second sidewall, and a first annular lip extending along the axis, integral with the second sidewall on a side thereof opposite the second end, extending more radially outwardly from the axis than does the second sidewall, surrounding the first sidewall with a clearance between an inner side of the lip and an outer side of the first sidewall of less than 0.2mm and greater than 0.013mm, and disposed on a side of the first sidewall opposite the magnetic member, and an adhesive disposed between and binding together (a) the magnetizable member and the first and second sidewalls and (b) the first sidewall and

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the lip, whereby the magnetic member and the first and second cans are bonded together.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Mohamad A. Musleh** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-9086**.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-5:00 Est. Time) 1st Friday Off. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Elvin G. Enad** can be reached on **(571) 272-1990**.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-273-8300**. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (**PAIR**) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR.

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**/Mohamad A Musleh/
Examiner, Art Unit 2832**

/Elvin G Enad/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art
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